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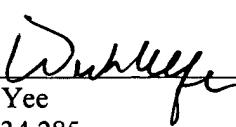
32 Pages of Specification including an Abstract
 9 Pages of Claims (Claims 1 - 39)
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3. Patent Application (32 pgs. spec. & abstract, 9 pgs. Claims 1 - 39);
4. 4 pages of formal drawings;
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7. References AA-AC; and
8. Two return postcards.